

APPENDIX B
Grant Programs, Summaries, and Collaborative Partners
Funded From 1997–1998 Through 2001–2002

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF AMADOR

Years Funded and Grant Award

Fiscal Year 1997–1998	\$85,211
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Counties Served

Amador, Calaveras, and Tuolumne Counties

Collaborating Partners

Superior Court of California, County of Calaveras
Superior Court of California, County of Tuolumne

Program Abstract

This tri-county program provided three primary services for families who have separated: (1) premediation parent education, (2) parent education workshops, and (3) supervised visitation and neutral exchange services.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF BUTTE

Years Funded and Grant Award

Fiscal Year 1999–2000	\$16,158
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Counties Served

Butte and Glenn Counties

Collaborating Partners

Butte County District Attorney
Superior Court of California, County of Butte
Facilitator's Office (Butte County)
Facilitator's Office (Glenn County)
Family Court Mediators
Superior Court of California, County of Butte, Family Court Services
Family Law Bar Association
Family Tree
Glenn County District Attorney

Superior Court of California, County of Glenn

Program Abstract

The *Butte and Glenn County Supervised Visitation Program* was designed as a simple, effective supervised visitation and neutral exchange program. This program involved several community-based organizations, which utilized local child-care centers as visitation sites and trained local citizen volunteers as nonadversarial supervisors.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

Years Funded and Grant Award

Fiscal Year 1997–1998	\$196,355*
Fiscal Year 1999–2000	96,000*
Fiscal Year 2000–2001	21,764
Fiscal Year 2001–2002	30,000

Counties Served

Fiscal Year 1997–2000: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Sonoma, and Stanislaus Counties

Fiscal Year 2000–present: Contra Costa County

Collaborating Partners

APPLE FamilyWorks*
California Parenting Institute*
Contra Costa College
Family Service Agency (Stanislaus)*
Marin County Courts*
Safe Exchange*
Sierra Vista Children’s Center*
Sonoma County Legal Services Foundation*

Program Abstract

The *Responsive Supervised Visitation Program (RSVP)* is a single-county program. It offers on a sliding scale, supervised visitation and exchange services to families not currently being served because of limited financial resources or language barriers and a high-conflict parenting program and group counseling for low-income parents. The program is designed to educate high-conflict, high-risk parents in effective communication, anger and stress management, and the emotional effects of their conflict on their children.

Components of the program include: (1) a nonprofessional supervised visitation program that trains nonprofessional providers conducting supervised visitations and exchanges in the Uniform Standards of Practice for Providers of Supervised Visitation as set forth in section 26.2 of the California Standards of Judicial Administration; (2) a high conflict parenting program, designed to educate high-conflict, high-risk parents on effective communication skills, anger and stress management, and the emotional effects of their conflict on their children; and (3) low-cost supervision services and exchanges by professional agency for low-income families.

*In previous funding years, Contra Costa participated in a five-county collaborative with Alameda, Marin, Sonoma, and Stanislaus Counties. *The Visitation, Education, Collaboration, Training Outreach, Resources (VECTOR)* project was established to assist families going through separation and divorce. The project provided supervised visitation and neutral drop-off exchange services, therapeutic visitation, and family/parent education programs through established relationships with local community agencies.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF FRESNO

Years Funded and Grant Award

Fiscal Year 1997-1998	\$50,581*
Fiscal Year 2000–2001	36,462

Counties Served

Fiscal Year 1997-1998: Fresno, Kings, and Madera Counties*
 Fiscal Year 2000–2001: Fresno County

Collaborating Partners

Child Protective Services*
 Comprehensive Youth Services
 Fresno County Probation Department
 Kings County Family Court Services*
 Madera County Family Court Services*

Program Abstract

The *Supervised Access, Family Education (SAFE-Watch)* program is a single-county program collaborating with Comprehensive Youth Services (CYS), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency, to provide supervised visitation and neutral exchange services. The overall goals of the program are to (1) provide affordable, accessible supervised

visitation and neutral exchange services; (2) increase visitation services between noncustodial parents and their children; and (3) develop educational and counseling programs to improve the quality of parent-child relationships.

*In previous funding years, Fresno County partnered with Kings, Madera, and Tulare Counties and Comprehensive Youth Services to provide supervised visitation, and neutral exchange services. With grant funding, they developed a mobile multimedia educational program on supervised visitation for custodial and noncustodial parents.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Years Funded and Grant Award

Fiscal Year 1997–1998	\$24,035 and \$32,222*
Fiscal Year 1998–1999	129,727
Fiscal Year 1999–2000	81,843
Fiscal Year 2000–2001	81,000
Fiscal Year 2001–2002	80,000

Counties Served

Los Angeles County

Collaborating Partners

Beinvenidos Family Services
Children Center of Antelope Valley
Los Angeles Wings of Faith
Richstone Family Center
The Ness Center

Program Abstract

Safe Access and Friendly Exchanges for Kids (SAFE for Kids) is a single-county program that seeks to give children safe access to their noncustodial parents by providing on-site, low-fee supervised visitation and neutral drop-off and exchange services at locations throughout Los Angeles County. The program provides child-monitor training as well as child abuse and domestic violence training for collaborative partners. SAFE for Kids will coordinate with the five agency sites providing supervised visitation and exchanges and will offer a comprehensive training program to agencies pertaining to best standards of practice for supervised visitation providers. It will coordinate with domestic violence shelters to establish policies and practices for safe and appropriate contact between children and noncustodial parents who have been impacted by domestic violence.

*In the first year of funding, Los Angeles County received two grants: one supported *SAFE for Kids* and the other supported *For the Children*, which developed a parent education curriculum that is tailored for domestic violence families.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

Years Funded and Grant Award

Fiscal Year 1997–1998	\$65,632
Fiscal Year 1998–1999	101,783
Fiscal Year 1999–2000	96,000
Fiscal Year 2000–2001	58,500
Fiscal Year 2001–2002	80,000

Counties Served

Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte Counties

Collaborating Partners

Superior Court of California, County of Del Norte
Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt
Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino
Mendocino Family and Youth Services
S.A.F.E. for You (CASA)
Del Norte Child Care Council

Program Abstract

The *North Coast Family Access and Opportunities Program* is a three-county collaboration between the Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte County Courts, and three nonprofit agencies. The goals of the collaboration are to expand and enhance parent education services, and supervised visitation and neutral drop-off and exchange services for children and their parents through a community-based network, and to ensure safe access and compliance with child custody and visitation court orders. The program provides parent education, and supervised visitation and neutral exchange services to clients referred from the superior court or family mediation, regardless of their ability to pay. Mendocino County's Parenting Apart program is a parent education workshop for families and children experiencing the effects of divorce and separation.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF MERCED

Years Funded and Grant Award

Fiscal Year 2000–2001	\$22,500
Fiscal Year 2001–2002	30,000

Counties Served

Merced County

Collaborating Partners

Children's Access to Parents

Program Abstract

The *Children's Access to Parents (CAP)* program is a single-county program in collaboration with the non-profit agency, Child Advocates of Merced County. The CAP program provides supervised visitation and exchange services for families and is seeking to expand services to the Los Banos, Dos Palos, and Gustine area. In addition, services are extended to Spanish-speaking children and their parents with through bilingual staff members.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF NAPA

Years Funded and Grant Award

Fiscal Year 2001–2002	\$30,000
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Counties Served

Napa County

Collaborating Partners

COPE Family Center
Health and Human Services, Napa County
Napa Police Department

Program Abstract

Napa Access is a single-county program that is part of a comprehensive partnership offering supervised visitation and exchange services to parents and children ordered or referred by the court, parent education and group counseling services. The Superior Court of Napa County also provides counseling workshops for parents and children through COPE Family Center and makes appropriate referrals for supervised visitation or monitored exchanges to agencies serving both custodial and noncustodial

parents. Napa County Health and Human Services provides the facilities for supervised visitation and monitored exchange services.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE

Years Funded and Grant Award

Fiscal Year 1997–1998	\$57,486
Fiscal Year 2000–2001	72,000

Counties Served

Orange County

Collaborating Partners

Mediation and Investigative Services

Program Abstract

Orange County Superior Court Supervised Visitation Services Program established a special quality-assurance unit, *Supervised Visitation Services (SVS)*, to implement the Judicial Council’s Uniform Standards of Practice for Supervised Visitation and provide training, screening, management, and administration of visitation supervisors. Administration of the SVS unit include the development of a differential screening process for professional and nonprofessional providers, including record checks, fingerprinting, and restraining-order checks. The court’s Domestic Violence Prevention Services Project and the SVS unit work together to monitor progress and compliance.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

Years Funded and Grant Award

Fiscal Year 1997–1998	\$75,145*
Fiscal Year 1998–1999	155,353*
Fiscal Year 1999–2000	90,000*
Fiscal Year 2000–2001	80,593
Fiscal Year 2001–2002	55,000

Counties Served

For Fiscal Year 1997–2000: Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, San Joaquin, and Yolo Counties

For Fiscal Year 1997–present: Sacramento, Solano, Placer, San Joaquin, and Yolo Counties

Collaborating Partners

Child Abuse Prevention Council (San Joaquin County)

Family Resource Center (Yolo County)

Placer Women's Center/PEACE (Placer County)

Rainbow Children's Center (Sacramento County)

Sacramento CASA (Sacramento County)

Superior Court of California, County of El Dorado*

New Morning Youth and Family Services (El Dorado County)*

Superior Court of California, County of Placer

Superior Court of California, County of Placer, Family Court Services

Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin, Family Court Services

Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Family Court Services

Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, Family Court Services

Walter Britten Visitation Center (San Joaquin County)

Yolo County Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center

Program Abstract

The *Access to Visitation Program* is part of a comprehensive, collaborative partnership of five counties that provides supervised visitation and exchange services for parents and children. The program responds to the needs of children caught in the middle of divorce, domestic violence, and other high-conflict family circumstances. Goals of the program are to (1) promote continuous access of noncustodial parents to their children; (2) reduce the emotional trauma and the risk of abuse or abduction facing children who spend unsupervised time with a parent who has a history of violence or abuse; (3) improve compliance with court orders; and (4) assist family courts in resolving visitation and custody disputes.

*In the previous funding years, El Dorado County participated in this multi-county collaborative.

SUPERIOR OF COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

Years Funded and Grant Award

Fiscal Year 1997–1998	\$13,903
Fiscal Year 1998–1999	45,265
Fiscal Year 1999–2000	67,775
Fiscal Year 2000–2001	67,500
Fiscal Year 2001–2002	67,500

Counties Served

San Bernardino County

Collaborating Partners

County Department of Behavior and Health

Superior of Court of California, County of San Bernardino, Family Court Services

Redlands- Yucaipa Guidance*

YMCA of Greater San Bernardino

Program Abstract

The *Parents and Children Together Safely (PACTS)* program is a single-county program that is part of a comprehensive partnership providing supervised visitation and exchange services for parents and children. The goals of the program are to (1) increase the accessibility of nonresidential parents to their children by expanding the demonstration center where parents can visit their children under the supervision of trained staff and a trained security officer; (2) provide for the emotional and physical safety of parents and children by providing a monitored, neutral exchange location where children can be transferred from one family member to another for visitation; (3) provide a group counseling and parent education component for children involved in highly conflicted custody cases; and (4) offer a network of services provided by agencies within the community.

*In the previous funding years, Redland- Yucaipa Guidance, a nonprofit agency, provided group counseling for parents with substance abuse issues.

SUPERIOR OF COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**Years Funded and Grant Award**

Fiscal Year 1997–1998	\$120,000
Fiscal Year 2000–2001	63,450
Fiscal Year 2001–2002	47,500

Counties Served

San Diego County

Collaborating Partners

Kids' Turn, San Diego

Real Solutions for Children*

Program Abstract

The *San Diego Kids' Turn Program* is a single-county application with multisite services (not a partnership) providing parent education for families in San Diego County. The program provides, at low cost on a sliding scale, prevention and intervention program workshops to improve communication skills between the parents, reduce parental conflict, prevent harm to children, and reduce demands on the family court system.

*In previous funding years, San Diego County partnered with Real Solutions for Children to provide supervised visitation services.

SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED COURT OF CALIFORNIA**Years Funded and Grant Award**

Fiscal Year 1997–1998	\$129,365*
Fiscal Year 1998–1999	162,000*
Fiscal Year 1999–2000	81,920*
Fiscal Year 2000–2001	58,500*
Fiscal Year 2001–2002	80,000

Counties Served

For Fiscal Year 1997–2001: San Francisco and Napa Counties

For Fiscal Year 2001–present: San Francisco and Alameda Counties

Collaborating Partners

Family Court Services, Napa*

Rally Family Visitation Services of St. Francis Memorial Hospital

Alameda Unified Family Court, Family Court Services

Program Abstract

The Access to Visitation *Family Cohesion Collaborative Program* of the Superior Court of San Francisco is a single-county, multisite program that provides supervised visitation and exchange services for families in San Francisco and Alameda Counties through the Rally Visitation Program of the Saint Francis Memorial Hospital. The overall goals of the program are to (1) provide high-quality, affordable supervised visitation and monitored exchange services and (2) enhance parent education capacity as a means to improve the well-being of children involved in court-ordered parent visitation arrangements. The collaborative aims to strengthen both custodial and noncustodial parents as caregivers while lessening negative impacts on children.

*In previous funding years, San Francisco collaborated with Napa Family Court Services and Napa Access to provide supervised visitation and neutral exchange services.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

Years Funded and Grant Award

Fiscal Year 1997–1998	\$51,324
Fiscal Year 1998–1999	84,177
Fiscal Year 1999–2000	81,465
Fiscal Year 2000–2001	72,000
Fiscal Year 2001–2002	80,000

Counties Served

Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Ventura Counties

Collaborating Partners

CASA/Voices for Children

Family Law Facilitator’s Office, Santa Barbara

Interface Children Family Services

Santa Barbara Family Education, Inc.*

Shelter Services For Women

Superior Court of California, County of San Luis Obispo, Family Court Services

Superior Court of California, County of Ventura

Program Abstract

The Parental Access Program Alliance (PAPA) is a three-county program that aims to increase the quality of access of noncustodial parents to their children by assisting parents in obtaining and modifying custody and visitation orders and in creating healthy, constructive parental relationships. The goals of the program are to provide (1) affordable supervised visitation services, including training for nonprofessional monitors; (2) interactive group counseling for parents with continued high conflict and/or family violence; (3) a Spanish-language mandatory parent education program; and (4) a parent education program to assist parents unrepresented by attorneys to obtain visitation orders for access to their children. Program services will be available to both divorcing and never-married parents, and bilingual supervisors are also available.

*In the previous funding years, Santa Barbara Family Education, Inc., provided a “Children in the Middle” workshop.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

Years Funded and Grant Award

Fiscal Year 1997–1998	\$160,050
Fiscal Year 1998–1999	162,000
Fiscal Year 1999–2000	96,000
Fiscal Year 2000–2001	67,500
Fiscal Year 2001–2002	80,000*

Counties Served

Fiscal Year 1997–2001: Santa Clara, San Mateo, Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties

Fiscal Year 2001–present: Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties

Collaborating Partners

Chamberlain Children’s Center (Santa Clara County)

Creative Family Connections (Santa Clara County)

Family Service Agency (Monterey County)*

Family Service Agency (San Mateo County)

Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, Family Court Services*

Superior Court of California, County of San Benito, Family Court Services*

Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, Family Court Services

Superior Court of California, County of Santa Cruz, Family Court Services*

Program Abstract

The *Connections for Kids Program* is part of a comprehensive, multisite, multicounty partnership providing safe access for children and their parents through supervised visitation and exchange services. The goals of the program are to (1) increase children’s access to their noncustodial parents and the parents’ sense of responsibility for the welfare of their children; (2) reduce the trauma to children caused by family dissolution and conflict; and (3) improve the quality of parent-child relationships.

*In the previous funding years, Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties participated in a five-county collaboration between family courts and nonprofit social service agencies in Santa Clara, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito Counties.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SHASTA

Years Funded and Grant Award

Fiscal Year 1997–1998	\$39,840
Fiscal Year 1998–1999	61,420
Fiscal Year 1999–2000	91,812
Fiscal Year 2000–2001	71,983
Fiscal Year 2001–2002	80,000

Counties Served

Shasta, Tehema, Trinity, and Siskiyou Counties

Collaborating Partners

Alternative to Violence (Tehema County)
Environmental Alternatives (Siskiyou County)
Family Service Agency (Shasta County)
Human Response Network (Trinity County)*
Indian Child Welfare Program, Karuk (Siskiyou County)
Kids' Turn, Shasta County
Superior Court of California, County of Siskiyou, Family Court Services
Superior Court of California, County of Tehama, Family Court Services
Superior Court of California, County of Trinity, Family Court Services
Tulelake/Newell Family Center (Siskiyou County)*

Program Abstract

The *Unified Parent Access Program (UPAP)* is a collaborative of four counties and several agencies in the region to meet the needs of nonresidential parents. Program services include (1) "Cooperating as Separated Parents," a 12-week parents' training program in effective communication and taking personal responsibility, offered in all four counties (2) Kids' Turn, a successful six-session group counseling program for children of divorced and separated parents; (3) supervised visitation programs in three counties (Shasta, Siskiyou, and Trinity), administered by existing nonprofit organizations; and (4) safe exchange programs administered by two nonprofit agencies at two locations in Tehama County.

*In previous funding years, agencies provided supervised visitation services in Siskiyou and Trinity Counties.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SONOMA

Years Funded and Grant Award

Fiscal Year 2000–2001	\$25,500
Fiscal Year 2001–2002	30,000*

Counties Served
Sonoma County

Collaborating Partners

California Parenting Institute
Sonoma County Legal Services Foundation

Program Abstract

The *Visitation Enhancement Program* is a single-site county program in partnership with two nonprofit agencies, California Parenting Institute and Sonoma Legal Services Foundation, to provide supervised visitation services. The program also refers clients to its parent education programs or to other community resources. Sonoma Legal Services Foundation provides supervised visitation and neutral monitored off-site exchange services in community settings, homes, or center sites. The goals of this program are to (1) help families make the transition to ongoing unsupervised visits; (2) improve compliance with Family and Domestic Violence Court orders and attendance a programs; (3) improve reporting case information to the courts; and (4) educate attorneys, advocates, and clients about the role of supervised visitation.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF TULARE

Years Funded and Grant Award

Fiscal Year 2001–2002	\$30,000
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Counties Served

Tulare and Kings Counties

Collaborating Partners

Family Services of Tulare County
Kings County Probation Department

Program Abstract

The Superior Court of Tulare County, in a collaborative partnership with Kings County Probation Department—Family Court Services, the Superior Court of Kings

County, and Family Services of Tulare County, a nonprofit agency, provides supervised visitation and exchange services and parent education for noncustodial parents and their children. It aims to accommodate families not currently being served by reducing or eliminating fees for low-income parents. The goal of the program is to support the access of noncustodial parents to their children in a manner that is safe and reduces harm or trauma to the child.